Reasons for downward revision of the approved outlay are that the State Government could divert upto 20% of Central Assistance to meet the B.C.R. (Balance of Current Revenue) as per the Recommendations of Dr. Rangarajan Committee Report. The State Government of Assam has already diverted upto 20% of Central Assistance. Besides the State Government have not been able to generate adequate resources to the desired extent.

Misuse of Residential Plot

4373. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some plots meant for residential purpose have been converted into multi-storeyed shops for commercial purpose whereas the DDA/Civic authorities approved the maps, etc. for residential purpose; and

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the owners of such plots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For misuse of residential premises, action is taken by DDA. The number of cases in which prosecutions have been launched during the last four years are as under:

1992-93	303
1993-94	481
1994-95	502
1995-96	9

Scams

4374. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
DR. M.P. JAISWAL :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of scams unearthed in the country during 1995-96;

(b) the number of cases entrusted to CBI for inquiring into the scams;

(c) the number of scams at present under the investigations of CBI;

(d) the nature of difficulties being faced by the CBI while investigating these scams;

(e) whether instructions have been issued to the CBI to formulate a cell for conducting inquiries into these scams;

(f) whether a 500 crore scams in Karnataka has been unearthed; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). During the year 1995-96, 69 cases, relating to the following scams, were registered by the CBI for investigation :-

	NO. of cases	Name of the Scam
(i)	1	Urea Scam
(ii)	17	Housing Scam
(iii)	44	Animal Husbandry Scam
(iv)	7	Bank Securities Scam
Total :	69	

(c) out fo these 69 cases, 64 cases are still under investigation.

(d) There were some difficulties in investigation of bank scam cases but these were overcome by the CBI and a majority of these cases were finalised.

(e) A cell known as Bank Securities Cell for investigation and prosecution of Bank Scam cases exclusively has been created in the C.B.I.

(f) and (g). The Government have no information in this regard.

Fund From North Eastern Council Plan

4375. SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the Fund Flow from North Eastern Council Plan to the different NE States during the last five years;

(b) whether some member State of the NEC have been voicing their concern about low investments made in their States from NEC plan funds; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to ensure equitable investments in different member States by NEC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). North Eastern Council generally undertakes projects which have inter-state ramifications and, therefore, it is not possible to quantity funds allocated to different States. Some States have expressed concern regarding non inclusion of certain projects of benefit to them in the NEC plans. However, the allocations for various projects/schemes are finalised taking into account the technical and economic viability of the projects, needs of the area and availability of funds.